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SUBJ: MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF NATO INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF  
ON SPAIN

REF: A. STATE 080158; B. USNATO 1938; C. STATE 081345

1. AT A MEETING REQUESTED BY GENERAL SCHMUCKLE, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) BERGOLD OUTLINED VERY BRIEFLY THE STATE OF US-SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN REF A.

2. GENERAL SCHMUCKLE OFFERED TO HAVE THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF WORK ON ANY ASPECT OF THE NATO-SPAIN RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE US FEELS WOULD BE USEFUL. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF A US-SPANISH MILITARY PLANNING STAFF FOR THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, SCHMUCKLE SUGGESTED OTHER ALLIES SUCH AS FRANCE AND THE FRG MIGHT BE ADDED. SCHMUCKLE FELT THAT A SMALL STAFF OF THIS SORT WOULD BE A WORKABLE FIRST STEP TOWARD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE REST OF WESTERN EUROPE. HE FELT THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SCANDINAVIANS, THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO WERE MORE INTERESTED IN THE SPANISH RELATIONSHIP.  
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SHIP IN THE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. HE ARGUED THAT IN ADDITION TO FRANCE AND GERMANY, AND POSSIBLE THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A MILITARY PLANNING STAFF FOR THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, BUT

THOUGHT THE STAFF WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFINED SOLELY TO  
PLANNING.

3. BERGOLD THANKED SCHMUCKLE FOR HIS IDEA AND OFFER OF  
HELP. BERGOLD WAS NON-COMMITAL BUT SAID HE WOULD REPORT  
SCHMUCKLE'S PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON.BRUCE

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